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In Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 3, 2004, attached please find the revised Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks without prejudice.